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Applicant:

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COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT and

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of candor and good faith to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants' note that the 57 days of patent term adjustment as indicated on the Issue Notification for the above-captioned application does not agree with Applicants' own calculation of Term Adjustment. It is hereby requested that the Patent Office verify the calculation of the Patent Term Adjustment for the present application.

Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicants believe that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

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